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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): With reference to numbers (1) and (2) in the appendix—

PRESIDENT : Has Mr. S. J. Nair finished?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Yes, Sir. I am not able to get sufficient answers from the official member (*Laughter*).

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): With reference to repairing rain damages in Manikkal and Nellanad *pakuthies*, may I know from the Chief Engineer whether the repairs have taken place according to the estimate? I am putting this question because out of an estimate of Rs. 1,160 the department was able to spend, in two years' time, only about Rs. 600.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): It might be that the work had been completed, but the bill might not have been paid.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): With reference to answer to part (b), may I know whether the Department or the Government have entrusted the maintenance work of the Minor Irrigation Department to the ryots concerned in any place?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): That is a rule under the Irrigation Regulation.

The Karipoor Trace.

42 * **MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

- (a) the length of the Karipoor trace in Nedumangad;
- (b) how many miles of it have been converted as road;
- (c) how many miles more remain to be converted as road;
- (d) how long it is since the work remains incomplete;
- (e) why it is left as an incomplete work; and
- (f) what would be the approximate expenditure to complete the work?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (a) $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

(b) $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

(c) 2 miles.

(d) It is not an incomplete work.

(e) This does not arise.

(f) This can be ascertained only after the investigation which is in progress is over.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the work referred to is completed or that it remains to be done?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Some portion of the work is completed.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): So am I to take it that the whole trace is not completed?

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The trace up to Karipoor village is completed.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): My question is about the Karipoor tace. "Will the Government be pleased to state the length of the Karipoor trace in Nedumangad", and the answer is $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles. "How many miles of it have been converted as road, and the answer is $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Again, "how many miles more remain to be converted as road," and the answer is 2 miles. And, the further question was, "how long it is since the work remains incomplete" and the answer is, it is not an incomplete work. So I put the question whether the work has been completed.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The work is complete so far as Government gave their sanction to the particular trace. The remaining portion is being investigated as to whether the extension referred to by the member could be carried on.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With due respect to this House and the Chair, I submit that, when we put questions with regard to Public Works Department, the answers supplied by the official member are most unsatisfactory. That is really insulting us. From the answer, it is evident that the trace I have referred to is not an incomplete work. It is already complete and only two miles more remain to be done. The same tendency exists with regard to all questions relating to the Public Works Department. I appeal to the Chair that the official member be requested to be more courteous in giving answers to the non-official side with respect to questions of the Public Works Department.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): No estimate has ever been sanctioned for the complete work that Mr. S. J. Nair now talks about. All that I say is that Government have given their sanction for a particular work. That has been completed. There has been no estimate yet prepared for the remainder of the work which the member referred to.

PRESIDENT: That is to say, so far as Government sanction to a particular work is concerned, it is not an incomplete work.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Yes, Sir,

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to part (d), may I draw the attention of Government to the fact that the Chief Engineer has told me that he is not prepared to cut an inch of road in Nedumangad taluk because I have put a number of questions to him in this House relating to his Department?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The Chief Engineer said nothing of this sort to the honourable member.

PRESIDENT: Please leave such feelings outside the House, Mr. S. J. Nair. (Voice of *hear, hear*). I do not think we ought to import into the discussions on the floor of the House any question regarding personal matters which might have been discussed between the honourable member and the officer of Government. That ought not to be made the ground for asking questions.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): A word of personal explanation. My question was whether it is not an incomplete work and the answer was—

PRESIDENT: Mr. S. J. Nair will remember that the Chair has not objected to any of his questions. But, on the other hand, the Chair will appreciate such a series of questions. I object to anything like personal matters being imported into the discussion on the floor of the House.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I have already answered that investigation is in progress; and only after that is over, the exact position could be ascertained.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): A word of explanation, Sir. I have done a lot of work on behalf of the people of Nedumangad. I represent a population of about 1½ lakhs.

PRESIDENT: That is a heavy burden indeed. (*Laughter*).

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I am sorry to bring to the notice of Government that the amounts sanctioned as per budget allotment are not utilised by the departments concerned. It is really painful to observe that.

Appendix.

[*Vide* Answer to Question No. 41.]

List of Minor Irrigation works executed in the Nedumangad taluk.

S. No.	Name of work.	Estimate and amount.	Expenditure.
	1110 M. E.		Rs.
1	Repairing rain damages in Manikal and Nellanad <i>pakuthies</i> .	G. O. D. Dis. No. 118/35/P. W., dated 21-1-1935 for Rs. 1,160	468
	1111 M. E.		
2	Closing up a breach in Kallattu thodu in Kulathumel <i>pakuthi</i> .	G. O. No. 6062 dated 7-1-36 for Rs. 810	32
3	Repairing rain damages in Manikal and Nellanad <i>pakuthies</i> .	G. O. D. Dis. No. 118/35/P. W., dated 21-1-35 for Rs. 1,160	140